



CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM 2005 USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

Palo Duro Watershed

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Conservation Security Program Meetings Scheduled for Palo Duro Watershed.

Hereford, Texas -- The Palo Duro Watershed, located in portions of Deaf Smith, Randall Oldham and Potter counties in Texas, and Curry county in New Mexico, was selected as one of the 202 watersheds nationwide to participate in the 2005 Conservation Security Program (CSP) signup. The signup for CSP will be in February/March 2005 pending publication of the final CSP rule in the Federal Register.

The Conservation Security Program is a stewardship program providing payments to producers who maintain and enhance their natural resources. Producers may be eligible for one of three tiered payments depending on the amount of conservation already applied on the land.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service NRCS will administer CSP. Only producers practicing the highest levels of conservation will be eligible to participate. A self assessment must be completed by producers documenting their benchmark conservation level prior to visiting the NRCS office to apply for CSP.

CSP public meetings have been scheduled in the Palo Duro Watershed to inform farmers and ranchers about the eligibility requirements and application process.

Hereford – Tuesday, March 8, 2005

Location: Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C, Hereford, Texas

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Canyon – Thursday, March 10, 2005,

Location: Cole Community Center, 301 16th Street, Canyon, Texas

Time: 9:00 A.M.

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CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other natural resources on private working lands. Working lands include cropland, grassland, and improved pasture, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation.

For more information or to obtain a workbook visit the Palo Duro Watershed CSP website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/program/csp or contact your local NRCS office.

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